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Presently, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has in place a voluntary reporting, through the MedWatch program, for health care providers to report serious adverse drug reactions in patients. The FDA estimates that providers are voluntarily reporting instances of serious medication side effects only about ten percent of the time. Given the dramatic advances in pharmacology over the past decade and the increasing use of pharmaceuticals to manage chronic health conditions, the consistent reporting of serious adverse reactions by practitioners is of great importance. As a major health care provider in Los Angeles County, it is necessary to ensure that the Department of Health Services' facilities are making appropriate reports to the FDA.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors instruct the Director of Health Services to report back within 14 days on the current FDA reporting requirements, what procedures are in place in DHS facilities to ensure the prompt reporting of serious adverse reactions, and what mechanism exists for tracking these incidents.

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